

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Amended) A toner comprising low-silicon magnetites, wherein the low-silicon magnetites have a silicon content of less than 0.025 wt% based on the weight of the magnetite.

2. (Previously Cancelled)

3. (Previously Amended) The toner of claim 1, wherein the magnetites have a silicon content of less than 0.0025 wt% based on the weight of the magnetite.

4. (Previously Amended) The toner of claim 1, wherein the magnetites have a silicon content of less than 0.001 wt% based on the weight of the magnetite.

5. (Original) The toner of claim 1, wherein the magnetites have

a brightness  $L^*$  of from 50.0 to 60.00 CIELAB,

a color tinge  $a^*$  of -0.5 to 1.5 CIELAB,

a color tinge  $b^*$  of -3.0 to -7.0 CIELAB,

a sphericity of 0.80 to 1.0,

a coercive force of 30 to 70 oersted,

a particle size of 0.1 to 1.0  $\mu\text{m}$ ,

a sulfur content of 0.05 to 1.1 wt%, determined as  $\text{SO}_3$ ,

a manganese content of 0.05 to 0.5 wt%,

a content of water-soluble components of less than 0.2 wt% and a pH of 4.0 to 8.5.